PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP May/01/0040Z 30 Apr 54	**2. LOCATION** Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts
3. SOURCE civilian	**10. CONCLUSION** PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1½ min	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Round light. White then changing to green. Sound similar to a/c engines, only muffled. ATIC 183860 (A) rpt filed in ATIC Repository. Rpting officer stated that quite frequently a/c pass over that area in a traffic airway. Object probably aircraft.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE S to N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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6520TH TEST SUPPORT WING, AFCRC
Air Research and Development Command
L G Hanscom Field
Bedford, Massachusetts

MAY 13 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Report (UFOB)

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

Attached herewith is an Air Intelligence Information Report, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Report, forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2 dated 26 August 1953 and AFR 200-2A dated 2 November 1953.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ELMER FRALEY
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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Air Intelligence
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Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB)			
AREA REPORTED ON: Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts		FROM (Agency): 6520th Test Support Wing Laurence G Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass.	
DATE OF REPORT: 10 May 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION: 6 May 1954		EVALUATION:
PREPARED BY (Officer): FRANCIS W. HENNIN, Captain, USAF		SOURCE: Civilian	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): AFR 200-2, dtd 26 August 1953, and AFR 200-2a, dtd 2 November 1953			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

(1) (a) Similar to a light suspended in the air--round in shape.

(b) Object about the size of a penny.

(c) White and then changing to a green color.

(d) One

(e) Negative

(f) Negative

(g) Negative

(h) Two observers thought it sounded similar to aircraft engines but very muffled in tone.

(i) Negative

(2) (a) Object was first noticed by a bright white light moving from south to north.

(b) Object observed to be approximately at a 20° angle in elevation to the observers.

(c) Object moved away and upward at 90° to observers.

(d) Object moved in a straight line and then stopped for a few seconds and then climbed vertically and abruptly disappeared.

(e) Disappeared into clouds.

(f) 1¼ minutes

(3) (a) Ground - visual

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(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4) (a) 0040Z 1 May 54

(b) Night

(5) Observer (a) at home.
" (b) " "
" (c) " "

(6) (a) [redacted]
Salisbury Beach, Mass. Age: 15

Occupation: Grade School Student

(b) [redacted]
Salisbury, Mass. Age: 14

Occupation: Grade School Student

(c) Mrs. [redacted]
Salisbury, Mass. Age: 40 Tel. No. Newburyport 2749-M

Occupation: Housewife

(d) Students (a & b) found reliable by:

M[redacted]
Salisbury, Mass.

(7) (a) Small clouds at medium altitude. Observers could see the stars. Visibility not too good at time of sighting.

(b) Boston winds aloft report 2130Z, 1 May.

Surface: 70° @ 17K
6,000 : 320° @ 10K
10,000 : 340° @ 14K
16,000 : 340° @ 24K
20,000 : 320° @ 25K
30,000 : 330° @ 31K
50,000 : Unknown
80,000 : Unknown

(c) BEDFORD Scattered @ 12,000 feet

BOSTON @ 18,000 feet

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(d) BEDFORD
8 NM

BOSTON
15 NM

(e) High thin scattered.

(f) None reported

(8) No weather balloons were known to be released in the general area, prior to or at time of sightings.

(9) Negative

(10) N/A

(11) Observers state an aircraft was flying in the vicinity but behind them from the direction they were looking. This aircraft had three lights on it—red, white and green. The aircraft was flying in same direction as sighted object.

(12) The location of the sightings is within a Civil Airway (AMBER 7). The daily log of the Merrimac Lifeboat Station, Newburyport, Mass., did not reveal any unusual sightings. The Coast Guard personnel on duty stated that aircraft are seen and heard in that area day and night. (The Lifeboat Station is physically located about one air mile from the position of the observers.)

A guard on duty during time of the sighting, at the Radar Experimental Site, Merrimac Coast Guard Station, states that no unusual noise or objects were heard. He also stated that aircraft are heard continually passing over the site at all hours day and night.

Investigation with the Boston Approach Control Center personnel revealed that on Airway Amber 7, at times, aircraft do hold or delay approach to Boston in the vicinity of Hampton, slightly north of Salisbury Beach. This situation can happen on outbound flights to the north as well as to the south. Hampton, just north of Salisbury, is used at times for reference when changing flight plans from VFR to IFR as well as IFR to VFR.

Inclosure No. 1 was obtained by observer (6)(a) from USAF Headquarters, Washington, D.C. This observer wrote to Air Force Headquarters asking for information and procedures used in reporting unidentified flying objects. He then, in turn, sent the inclosure to this organization.

It is the analysis of the Reporting Officer that the sightings were an aircraft seen in the process of climbing or turning within the airway in the area of Hampton, Salisbury Beach, and Newburyport, Mass.

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Duty Assignment 1121B
6520th Experimental Squadron (AD)
6520th Test Support Group

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PLEASE SEND TO YOUR NEAREST AIR FORCE BASE

DATE: May 1, 1954

TIME OF SIGHTING: About 8:41

SIZE: Little smaller than a penny

SHAPE: Round

COMPOSITION: --

SPEED: --

ALTITUDE: --

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: South to north

MANEUVER PATTERN:

COLOR: Silver, Bright light, green

SOUND: None

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: About 1½Min

SKY CONDITIONS: Cloudy

VISIBILITY: Good

GROUND DIRECTION OF WIND: South east

NAME, AGE, MAILING ADDRESS OF OBSERVER: [redacted]

Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts

REMARKS: (General description of what you saw) (use back if necessary)

it came from the south and was silver in color (a Bright light it look like) it was moving north at a very fast rate of speed than the color tournd green and stoped for about ten sec than tournd a bright light agen and want up strad and disapperd. diagram on back

MAY 1954 SIGHTINGS,

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Logan, Utah (Stringfield) Meteor Landing (INFO)		
4	St Lawrence Island, Alaska (CASE MISSING)	Unknown Civilian	Other (SHIP)
5	Cincinnati, Ohio (CRIFO) Stringfield (INFO)		
5	Kansas City, Missouri	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Miami, Florida	Civilian - Multi	Balloon
9	Foster AFB, Texas	Military	Astro (METEOR)
10	44.54N 49.30W (Atlantic)	Military	Other (SURFACE VESSELS)
10	East Point, Georgia	[redacted]	A/C
10	Elsinore, California	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
10	Reading, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	A/C
11	Omaha, Nebraska	[redacted]	A/C
11	Washington, D. C.	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
12	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	A/C
13	26.5N 146.12W (Pacific)	Military	A/C
14	Norfolk, England	Military (RADAR)	Balloon
15	Salinas, California	Military	Astro (METEOR)
17	Ellington AFB, Texas	Military	Astro (METEOR)
17	Sweden	Unknown Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
19	Gravesville, New York	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
19	Hamilton, New York	[redacted]	A/C
20	Bay St. Louis, Mississippi	Multi Civilian	Astro (ARCTURUS)
21	Needles, California	Unknown	Insufficient Data
22	Los Angeles, California	Unknown	Astro (METEOR)
22	La Porte, Indiana	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
23	Dayton, Ohio (Daily News, May 24)(INFO)		
24	Cleveland, Ohio	Military	Astro (JUPITER)
24	New Zealand (The Christchurch Star Sun, May 25, 1954)(INFO)		
24	Richmond, Indiana (in following folder)	Military (PHOTOS)	Astro (SUN DOG)
24	Schuyerville, New York	Civilian - Multi	Astro (JUPITER)
24	Chicago, Illinois	Civilian (PHOTOS)	Insufficient Data
29	Willcox, Arizona	[redacted]	Other (REFLECTION)
30	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
30	Las Vegas, Nevada	Military	Insufficient Data
30	Larson AFB, Washington, D. C.	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
31	Boston, Massachusetts (New York Times)(INFO)		
31	Westwood, Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
31	Concord, New Hampshire	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
31	Mississippi City, Mississippi	Multi Civilian	A/C
31	Napavine, Washington (CASE MISSING)	Unknown Civilian	Other (GLASS)
30 May-25 Jun	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Other (Psychological)